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1. There are no indications that Chinese groups in Siam are planning to combat Communism actively [REDACTED]. Anti-Communist propaganda is diminishing and reports indicate that most Chinese in Siam are preparing to shift their allegiance to a Chinese Communist government for all China when formed, in the hope of protecting their own business interests [REDACTED].
2. Activities of the Chinese Democratic League (CDL) have not been in evidence since the November coup, at which time it was apparently strongly pro-Communist, displaying pictures of Stalin [REDACTED]. It has been previously reported that HUANG Seng (HUANG Sheng), CDL leader, departed for Hong Kong [REDACTED]. * Another leader of the CDL, GODA Wen, was reportedly deported after the round-up of Chinese in July 1948 [REDACTED].
3. The Soviets in Bangkok are remaining silent about developments in China, making no claims of leadership [REDACTED]. It is believed that the Chinese merchant LIU Wen is a go-between with the Soviet Legation, obtaining subsidies for propaganda publications [REDACTED]. Unconfirmed reports have stated that the Vietnamese leader XOM is contacting the Soviet Legation and the USSR commercial attache and that a Siamese, Taong Kradattham, acts as liaison between the USSR Legation and local Communists [REDACTED]. **
4. There are no Overseas Chinese self-defense units evident in Siam [REDACTED]. However, a nucleus of the 93 Division still exists, with a portion in the Bangkok area, although this unit is now largely disarmed [REDACTED]. Colonel CHOU Hsiang-shu apparently retains some control [REDACTED].
5. There are no indications that Chinese merchant intermediaries between the French and the Vietnamese have special political affiliations [REDACTED]. ***

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] for further information on HUANG Seng.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] for further information on XOM's contact with the USSR commercial attache.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] for further information on trade transactions between French and Vietnamese accomplished through Chinese merchant intermediaries.

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